

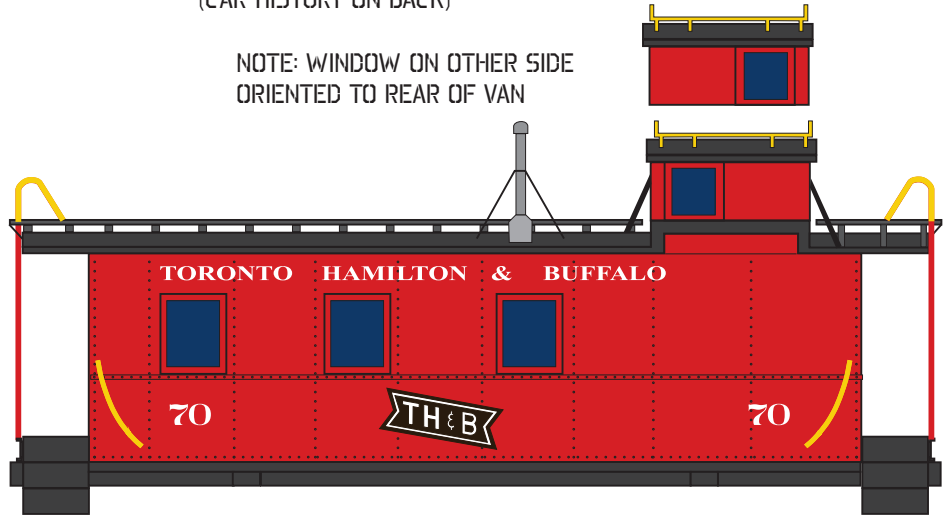


# DECAL SET THB-8718 TORONTO HAMILTON & BUFFALO RED VAN (CABOOSE) 1952-1956

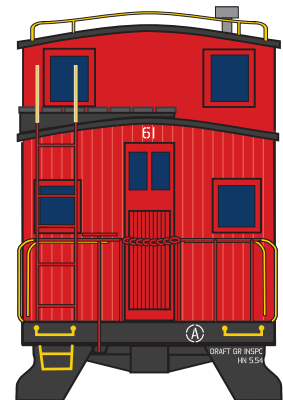
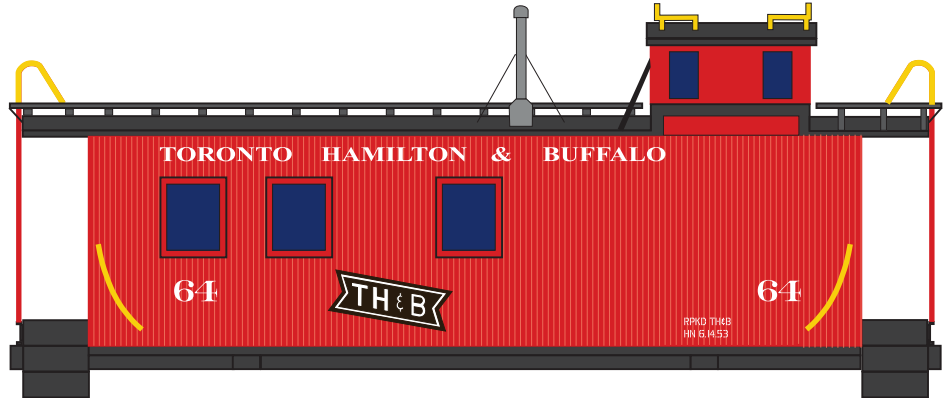
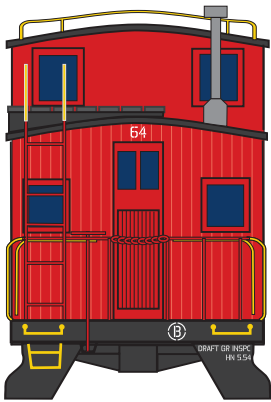
(CAR HISTORY ON BACK)

NOTE: WINDOW ON OTHER SIDE  
ORIENTED TO REAR OF VAN

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NOTE: SOME VANS HAD STEEL SIDES AND ENDS OTHERS ONLY SIDES.



NOTE: ROOF WALK SHOWN IN LIGHTER  
COLOUR TO ONLY PROVIDE CONTRAST

BLACK RED YELLOW SILVER

## A HISTORY OF THE TH&B VANS IN THE RED #2 SCHEME

In an attempt to standardize the appearance of vans the TH&B started to repaint vans in 61 to 72 into the second red scheme starting sometime after November 1953. The vans had a white on black bowtie herald centred on each side plate half way below the windows and floor of the van. In line with the herald placed under the rear cupola window and the first side window where the van numbers above the side windows running from above the forward edge of the first window to the leading edge of the cupola was the spelled out "TORONTO HAMILTON & BUFFALO" painted on a bright caboose red van. There are no photographs of 58, 59 (59 was sold to Art Lomax in 1955), or 60 making it into this scheme, in fact #60 disappears of TH&B rosters in the 1920s. Van #64, and #66 still in wood sheathing would also be painted into the new red scheme. In November of 1956 Van #69 made it's appearance as the first van to be repainted into the well known Yellow and Black Ti-Cat scheme, thus ending the reign of Red Vans on the TH&B.

## MODELLING NOTES

No model exists of the TH&B wooden caboose, although models can be kit-bashed from the True Line Trains CPR style caboose, this would mean adding an extra 2 windows in the body and scratch building a new cupola. Regardless of what model you start out with it is highly recommended that you obtain photographs of the caboose that you wish to model, pay attention to both the repack date (generally over the rear trucks and the paint date (generally centred on the lower body) which will tell you when the car was last serviced and painted. Paint colour Polly-Scale Caboose Red (SKU# F414128) or Floquil Caboose Red (SKU# F110020). **Because of space on the decal sheet the distance between each word for the spelled out "TORONTO HAMILTON & BUFFALO" was reduced, in order to achieve the correct length please cut out and place each word separately. The words themselves are the correct size and length.**

### Basic Instructions for the Application of Microscale Waterslide Decals

1. The object to be decaled must have a clean and relatively smooth glossy surface.
2. Cut out the Decal lettering and dip in clean water (preferably Distilled water) anywhere from 10 to 20 seconds. Note: Some lettering might take a longer soaking time than other sheets. Set the Decal on a damp paper towel for a short period of time or until the Decal slides freely on the backing paper.
3. Place Decal where desired on object. It might be of help if a layer of Micro-Set is brushed on the object first and then place the Decal. This process will allow the Decal to avoid the Silvering effect that can happen with just the water. Work as fast as you can in placing the lettering as the Micro-Set starts the wrinkling of the Decal and setting it to the object.
4. Blot gently around the edges of the Decal with a paper towel or tissue to remove excess water and allow to dry completely. Add more Micro-Set as necessary over the top of the Decal very carefully. This process will make the Decal lettering a part of the model.
5. When placing a Decal on slightly irregular surfaces, use Micro-Sol. This is the stronger of the two products and aids in soften the Decal to fill the contour, rivets and crevices on the object. The setting solution also improves adhesion by eliminating the tiny bubbles that can be trapped under the Decal film.
6. When the Decals are completely dry, it is necessary to wash off the Decal glue and water spots from the object with a damp paper towel or you may brush the water on and then dab it dry. Do not wipe the Decal lettering. Drying time may vary, but allow several hours or overnight to before proceeding.
7. It is recommended that a clear protective coating be applied to the entire surface of the object. The over spraying of the Decals will protect them from handling and seal the painted surface